

Two New Species of Opiliones from Southern Siberia
and Mongolia, with an Establishment of a New Genus
and Redefinition of the Genus *Homolophus*
(Arachnida: Opiliones: Phalangiidae)

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Abstract — Two opilionid species of Phalangiinae (Phalangiidae), *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. gen. and n. sp., and *Homolophus gobiensis* n. sp. are described from southern Siberia, Russia, and Mongolia, respectively. A refined diagnosis of the genus *Homolophus* is presented. *Phalangium pallens* Kulczynski is resurrected and placed under *Homolophus*. *Homolophus potanini* is removed from the genus and is placed provisionally in the genus *Opilio*. *Opilio asiaticus* Gricenko 1979 is first synonymized with *Opilio potanini* (Simon 1895).

Key words — *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus*, *Homolophus*, Mongolia, new genus, new species, Opiliones, Siberia

As our first attempt to accumulate the knowledge on opilionid fauna of Siberia and adjacent areas, we have reported on occurrence of eight species and redescribed some poorly-known species among them (Tchemeris et al. 1998). During the extensive faunal survey, from which materials used in the article were yielded, two undescribed species were also obtained. In this paper, we describe the two species belonging to the subfamily Phalangiinae of the family Phalangiidae: one from the mountains of South Siberia as *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. gen. and n. sp. and another from Mongolia as *Homolophus gobiensis* n. sp. In addition, some errors inadvertently occurred in our first paper are amended, and a minor revision of the genus *Homolophus* and related species is presented.

Abbreviations used: ISE – Zoological Museum, Institute for Systematics and Ecology of Animals, Novosibirsk, Russia, D. V. Logunov; SMF – Senckenberg Museum, Frankfurt, M. Grasshoff; TUJ – Department of Biology, Faculty of Education, Tottori Univ., Tottori, Japan, N. Tsurusaki; ZMU – Zoological Museum of the Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia, K. G. Mikhailov; Fe=femur, Pa=patella, Ti=tibia, Mt=metatarsus, Ta=tarsus.

Family Phalangiidae
 Subfamily Phalangiinae
Acanthomegabunus n. gen.

Type species. *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. sp.

Diagnosis. Most similar to *Megabunus* Meade 1855 from western Europe (Martens 1978), but differs from it by: 1) lacking long ventral spines of palpal trochanter (Fig. 3B-C); 2) having palpal patellae dorsally with a row of conspicuous spines (Fig. 3B-C); and 3) having legs with five to six longitudinal rows of erected spines.

Description. Medium-sized opilionids with soft, smooth bodies except for presence of a transverse row of several minute tubercles on each abdominal tergite and a few scattered teeth on cephalothorax. Ocular tubercle, huge and high, and with numerous long spines. Chelicera normal, without a ventral tooth on basal joint; movable finger without apophysis. Supracheliceral lamellae not developed, invisible from above. Scent gland pores visible from above. Palpi with ditomesal apophyses on patellae and tibiae; femora distomesally with a knob-like process bearing several bristles; tarsi of males with a ventromesal row of denticles, unarmed in females; femora to tibiae dorsolaterally and ventrally with three rows of conspicuous spines; palpal claw untoothed. Legs relatively short; trochanter to metatarsus with a row (metatarsi) or five longitudinal rows (femur to tibiae) of erected spines. Penis dorso-ventrally flattened, a bundle of muscles occupies basal three fifths of shaft.

Etymology. The name of the genus is masculine and derived from Greek, *akantha* (thorn) + *mega* (large) + *bounos* (bump or mound). It represents general resemblance to the European genus *Megabunus* and thorny ocular tubercle, palpi and legs.

Acanthomegabunus sibiricus n. sp.

(Figs. 1-4)

Specimens examined. Holotype: male (ISE), KRASNOYARSK PROVINCE, RUSSIA, Ermakovskoye District, West Sayany Mts., 2-3 km N of Aradan, Beliy Us River Valley [52°36'N, 93°27'E], 840-850 m a.s.l., 8/9-VII-1990 (D. V. Logunov).

Paratypes: 2 males, 3 females (ISE), 2 males, 1 females (TU) together with holotype; 2 females (ISE), 1 female (TUJ), same province and district, West Sayany Mts., Kurtushibinskiy Mt. Range, 8-10 km NW of Shiviligh [52°14'N, 93°28'E], 5-VII-1990 (D. V. Logunov). - KHAKASSIA. Shyra District: 1 male (ISE), 1 km N of Kommunar [54°17'N, 99°18'E], 1300-1400 m a.s.l., 23-VII-1990 (D. V. Logunov), 4 males (ISE), SE part of Abakansky Mt. Range system, Choochek Mt. Range, ca. 20 km SSE of Mrassu Vil. [51°13'N, 83°35'E], 1500 m a.s.l., 1620-VII-1999 (D. E. Lomakin). - ALTAI TERRITORY: 1 male, 1 female (ISE), NE-Altai, 20-30 km E of Lake Teletskoe, South part of Abakansky Mt. Range, VII-1994 (E. T. Anisimov & R. Yu. Dudko). - KEMEROVO AREA: 4 males, 1 female (ISE), 1 male, 1 female (ZMU), ca. 50 km S of Belogorsk, Kuznetskii Mt. Range, Chemodan Mt. [54°42'N, 88°24'E], 23-VII-1992 (N. B. Demidenko); 2 males (ZMU), Gornaya Shoriya, ca. 10 km N of Shelegesh Vil., Pustag Mt. [52°58'N, 87°59'E], 1300-1500 m a.s.l., 13-26-VI-1999 (D. E. Lomakin).

Description. *Male:* Body as in Figs. 1A and 2A. Dorsum smooth except for presence of some denticles. Opening of scent gland pores not conspicuous but visible from above. Abdominal tergites, each with a transverse row of minute tubercles. Ocular tubercle (Fig. 1B-D), huge, occupies about a half of cephalothorax length at midline, crowned with numerous tubercles. Coxae of legs sparsely with minute spine-tipped tubercles and hairs. Abdominal sternites with scattered hairs (Fig. 2B). Genital operculum only with minute hairs.

Chelicera as in Figs. 1E-F, 3A, first segment distodorsally with some spines, second

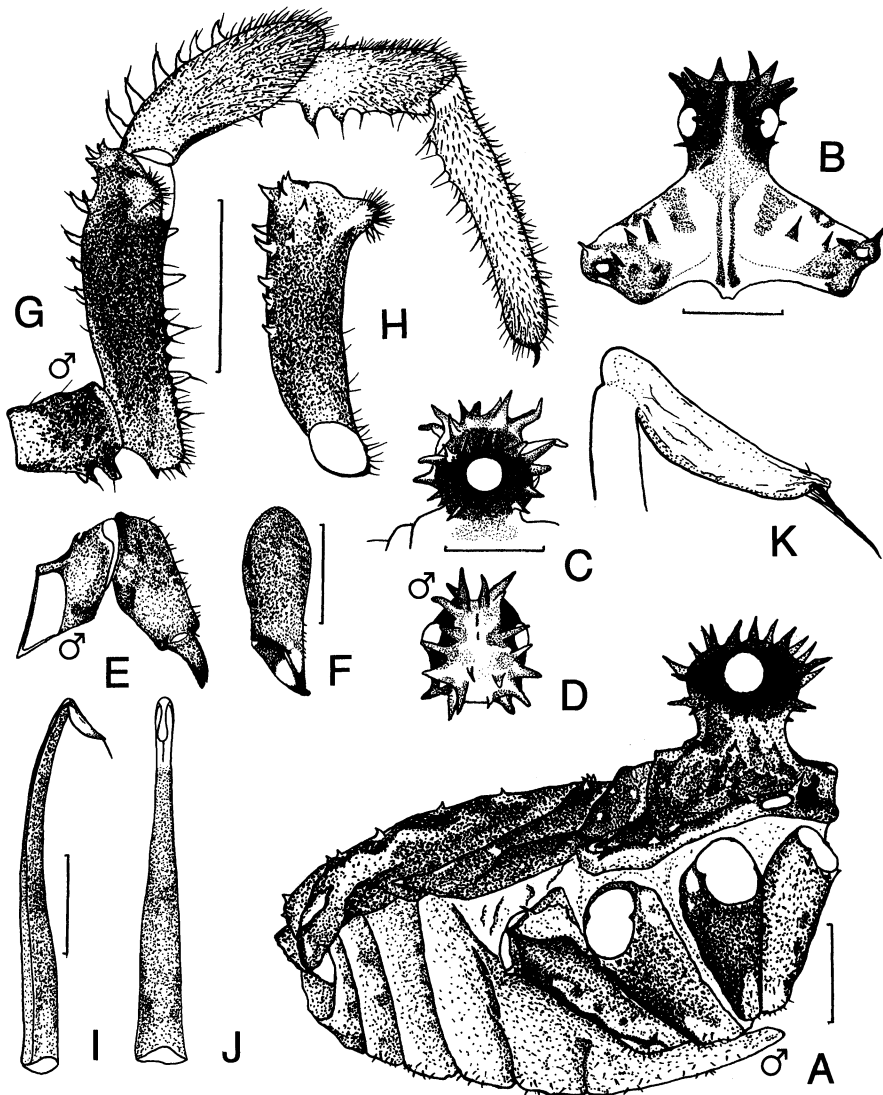


Fig. 1. *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. sp. (holotype, male) — A, lateral view of body; B, frontal view of cephalothorax. C-D, ocular tubercle: C, lateral view, D, dorsal view. E-F, right chelicera: E, ectal view; F, frontal view. G, mesal view of left palp; H, ventral view of femur of right palp. I-K, penis: I, lateral view; J, dorsal view; K, lateral view of glans. Scales = 0.5 mm.

segment dorsally and distomesally with sparse hairs (Fig. 3A).

Palp as in Figs. 1G-H, 3B-C; trochanter ventrally with a few tubercles; femur distomesally with a hump scattered with spines; ventrally and ditodorsally with prominent tubercles; patella distomesally with an apophysis densely covered with hairs and dorsally and laterally with prominent tubercles; tibia, dorsally, laterally, and ventrally, with three longitudinal rows of 3-4 tubercles; tarsus proximally with a ventral spine,

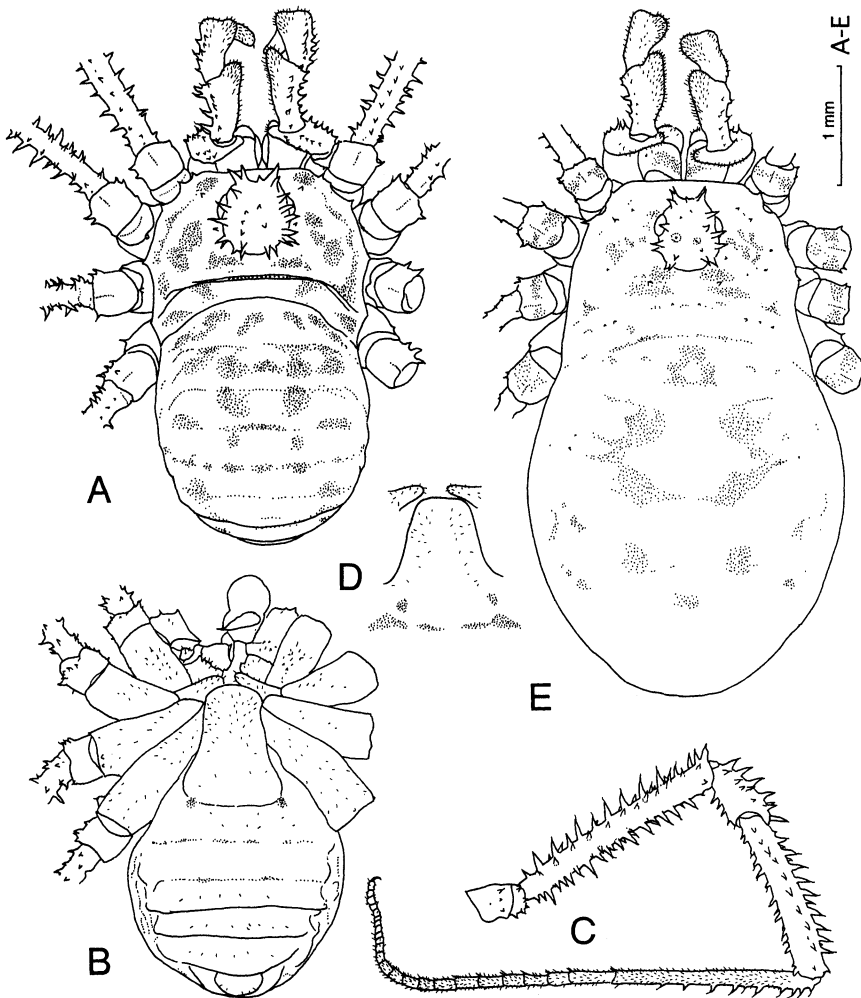


Fig. 2. *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. sp. (A-C, male paratype; D-E, female paratype. Both from the type locality, Belyi Us R., Krasnoyarsk Prov.) — A, E, dorsal view of body; B, ventral view of body; D, ventral view of genital operculum; C, ectal view of right first leg.

ventromesally with an inconspicuous row of several black denticles at distal one thirds; claw smooth. Ectal surface of femur with a group of 5–6 pores (presumably of glandular function) near the basal joint.

Legs relatively short. Each segment round or slightly pentagonal or hexagonal in cross section; along the ridges, femora, patellae, and tibiae with longitudinal rows of erected hair-tipped spines. Number of rows of the spines: Femur=5+1 additional, patella and tibia=5. Metatarsus also dorsally with a single row of hair-tipped spines (Fig. 2C). Patella proximally with a spiracle on its ectal surface. Metatarsus and tarsal segments distoventrally with a pair of stout spines at the joint.

Penis as in Figs. 1I–K and 4A–B, 2.1 mm long, 0.28 mm wide at base; shaft

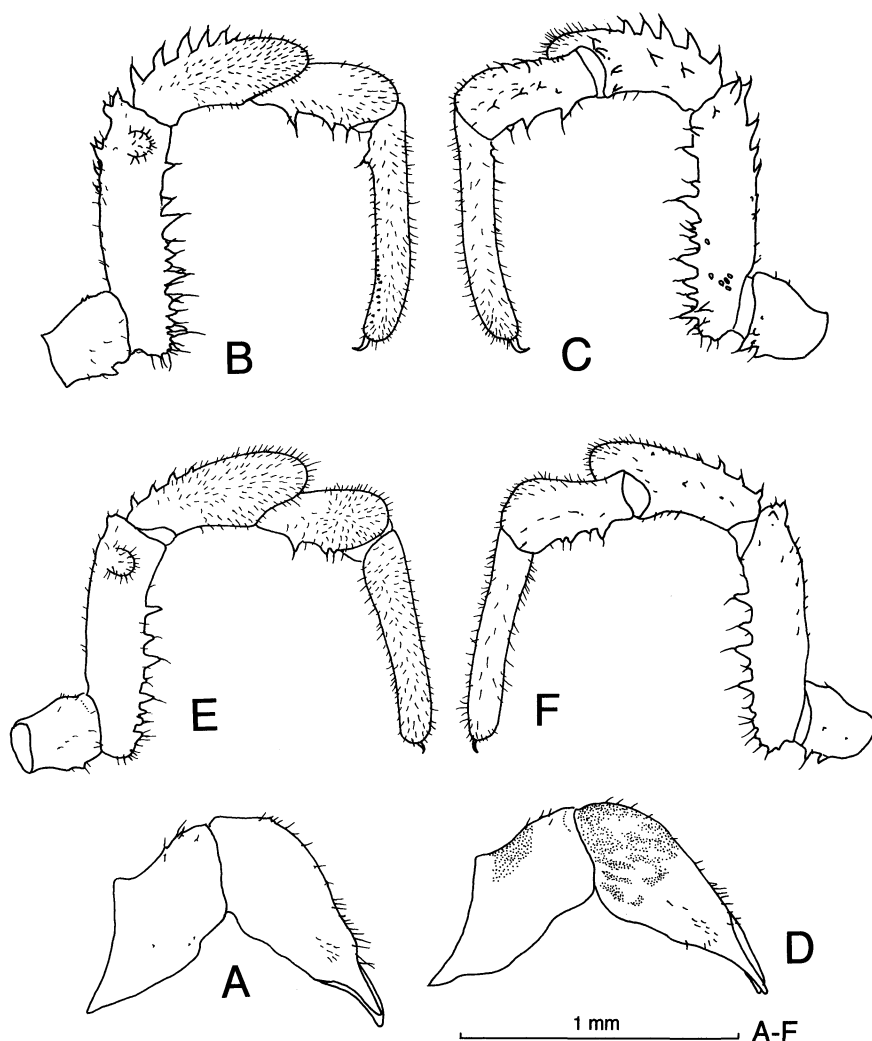


Fig. 3. *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. sp. (A-C, male paratype; D-E, female paratype. Both from Beliy Us R., Krasnoyarsk Prov.) — A, D, mesal view of left chelicera; B, E, mesal view of left palp; C, F, ectal view of left palp.

gradually tapering toward tip, dorso-ventrally flattened at the distal half. Glans distally with two pairs of small spines. Internal muscle reaches about three fifths of the total length of the shaft from base.

Coloration: Body pale yellow speckled with brownish markings. Venter creamy yellow. Eye surrounded by a dark-colored ring.

Female: General appearance (Fig. 2E) same as in male, but with much swollen abdomen, proximally widened genital operculum (Fig. 2D) and paler coloration. Palp with less prominent ventral and dorsal spines. Palpal tarsus lacks a ventromesal row of denticles. Palpal femur without a group of pores on its ectal surface. Legs with

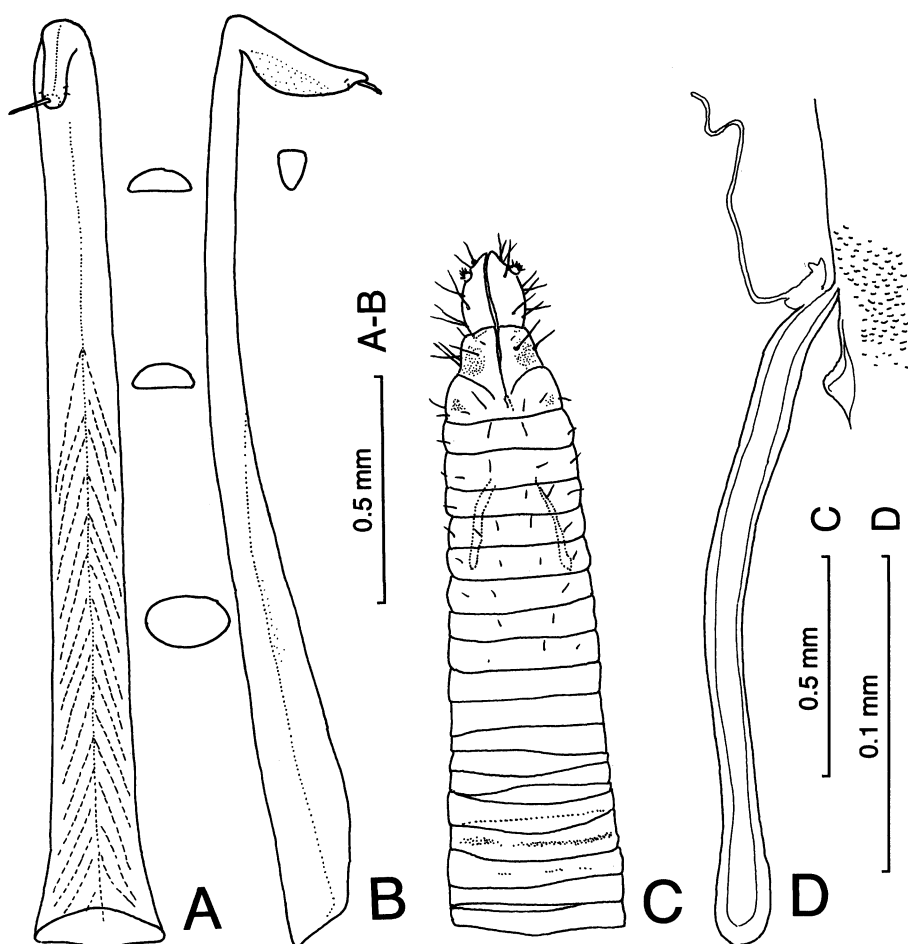


Fig. 4. *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. sp. (A-B, male paratype; C-D, female paratype. Both from Beliy Us R., Krasnoyarsk Prov.) — A-B, dorsal (A) and lateral (B) views of penis with four cross sections of the shaft and glans (right); C, ovipositor; D, left seminal receptacle.

less-developed spines.

Ovipositor as in Fig. 4C, each of the second furcal joints with a slit sensillum per side. Seminal receptacle (Fig. 4D), situated between 2nd to 5th rings, elongated.

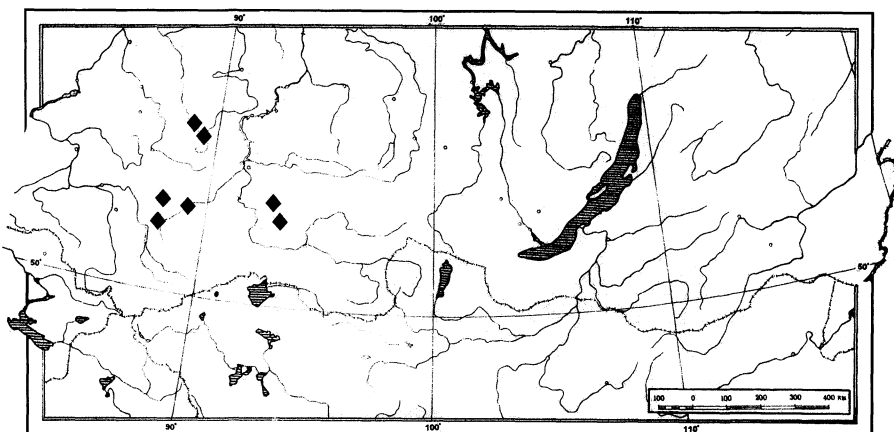
Measurements (in mm, male holotype and a female paratype from the type locality in parentheses). Total length of body 3.3 (4.0); Cephalothorax 1.1 (1.2) long; body width 1.7 (2.3); body height 1.8 (2.4). Distance between ocular tubercle and anterior margin of carapace 0.25 (0.3). Ocular tubercle 0.6 (0.6) wide, 0.5 (0.6) high. Measurements of palpi and legs as in Table 1.

Distribution. The mountains of South Siberia; so far reported from the southern part of Krasnoyarsk Province, the Altai, Kemerovo Area and Khakassia, Russia (Fig. 5).

Habitat. This species can be collected in the mountain moss-stony tundra, moss

Table 1. Length (in mm) of palp and legs of male holotype, and a female paratype in parentheses of *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. gen., n. sp.

| | Fe | Pa | Ti | Mt | Ta | Total |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Palp | 0.95 (0.93) | 0.55 (0.45) | 0.48 (0.50) | — | 0.90 (0.85) | 2.88 (2.73) |
| Leg I | 2.08 (1.48) | 0.73 (0.51) | 1.35 (1.08) | 1.83 (1.44) | 2.90 (2.15) | 8.9 (6.7) |
| Leg II | 3.95 (2.95) | 0.85 (0.65) | 3.10 (2.55) | 2.90 (2.30) | 4.70 (3.75) | 15.5 (12.2) |
| Leg III | 2.30 (1.58) | 0.70 (0.55) | 1.55 (1.20) | 2.25 (1.75) | 3.00 (2.50) | 9.8 (7.6) |
| Leg IV | 3.40 (2.63) | 0.75 (0.70) | 2.30 (1.78) | 3.40 (3.05) | 4.75 (3.15) | 14.6 (11.3) |

**Fig. 5.** Records of *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* n. sp. in Siberia.

pebble banks of rivers, *Abies* forest, *Anemone* meadows, stony debris and in crowns of coniferous trees.

Etymology. The specific epithet refers to Siberia, the area where this species inhabits.

Genus *Homolophus* Banks 1893

Homolophus Banks 1893, p. 208 (Type species: *Homolophus arcticus* Banks 1893); Cokendolpher 1987, p. 89.

Euphalangium Roewer 1911, p.33 (in part) (Type: *Euphalangium nordenskiöldi* (L. Koch)); Starega 1964, p. 390 (in part); Starega 1978, p. 223 (in part); Silhavy 1972, p. 101 (in part).

Diagnosis. A group of Phalangiinae species characterized by having: 1) relatively large body (length usually 8–9 mm, more than 5 mm at least); 2) a crest-like mound comprised of numerous black-tipped tubercles on preocular area of cephalothorax (less developed in female; cf. fig. 2 in Tsurusaki 1987) ; 3) smooth coxae (only with sparse hairs); 4) chelicerae with blackish brown tabby splotches, showing sexual dimorphism (conspicuously larger in males); 5) short and robust palpi, whose femora, patella, tibiae with numerous black-tipped tubercles, in males; and 6) short legs (first femur shorter than body length: often less than two thirds of the latter) with sexual dimorphism (first legs especially thicker in males).

Remarks: A total of 11 species of *Homolophus* have so far been recorded from

Russia (Siberia), Mongolia, and China (Cokendolpher 1987; Tsurusaki & Song 1998): *H. albofasciatus* (Kulczynski 1901); *H. arcticus* Banks 1893 (For detailed description see Tsurusaki 1987); *H. betpakdalensis* (Gricenko 1976); *H. nordenskiöldi* (L. Koch 1879) (see Tcherneris et al. 1998), *H. potanini* (Simon 1895) (see, below), *H. przewalskii* (Starega 1978), *H. suzukii* (Silhavy 1972), *H. thienshanensis* (Silhavy 1967), *H. tibetanus* (Roewer 1911), *H. vladimirae* (Silhavy 1967), *H. hunan* (Zhu et al. 1999). However, taxonomic history of the genus has been in quite a mess (cf. Cokendolpher 1987). This is partly due to tremendous variability of body size, coloration, and external characters of the group both within and between populations, and partly due to poor descriptions of male genitalia, which seems to be the only reliable diagnostic character in species identification of the group. To avoid further confusion, the genus has above been redefined. Under this definition, following two species hitherto included in the genus (*Homolophus* or *Euphalangium*) are to be removed from the genus: *Homolophus potanini* (Simon 1895) *sensu* Starega (1978) and *Euphalangium transbaicalicum* (Kulczynski 1901) *sensu* Starega (1964) and Silhavy (1972). We present some notes on these species, together with those on two additional species (one of which is new) of the *Homolophus* below.

***Homolophus gobiensis* n. sp.**

(Figs. 6-8)

Specimens examined. Holotype: male (ZMU), MONGOLIA, South Gobi Aimak, 15 km west of

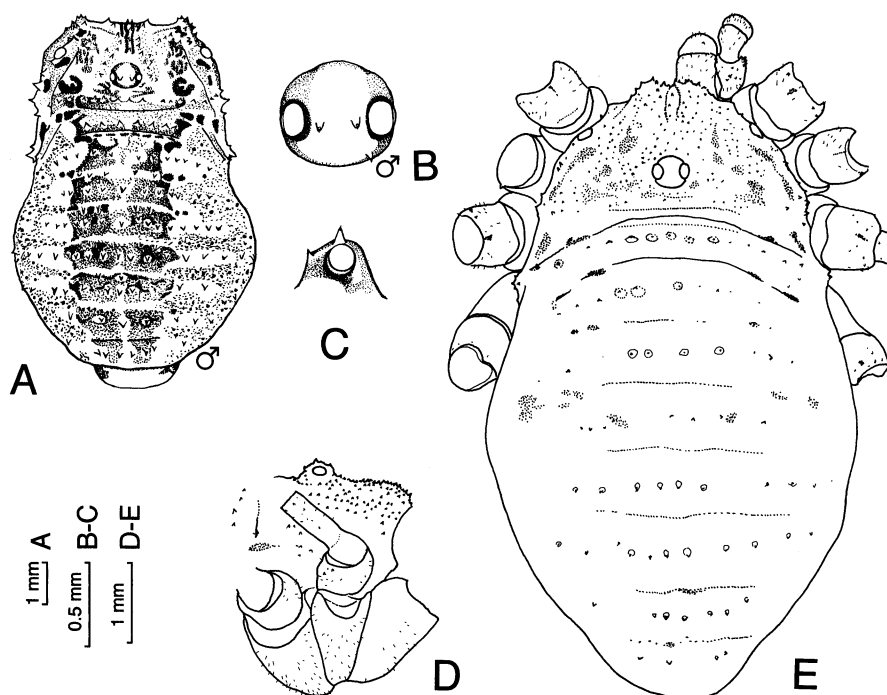


Fig. 6. *Homolophus gobiensis* n. sp. (A-C, male holotype; D-E, female paratype; both from South Gobi Aimak, Mongolia) — A, E, dorsal view of body; D, lateral view of front half of body; B-C, dorsal (B) and lateral (C) view of ocular tubercle.

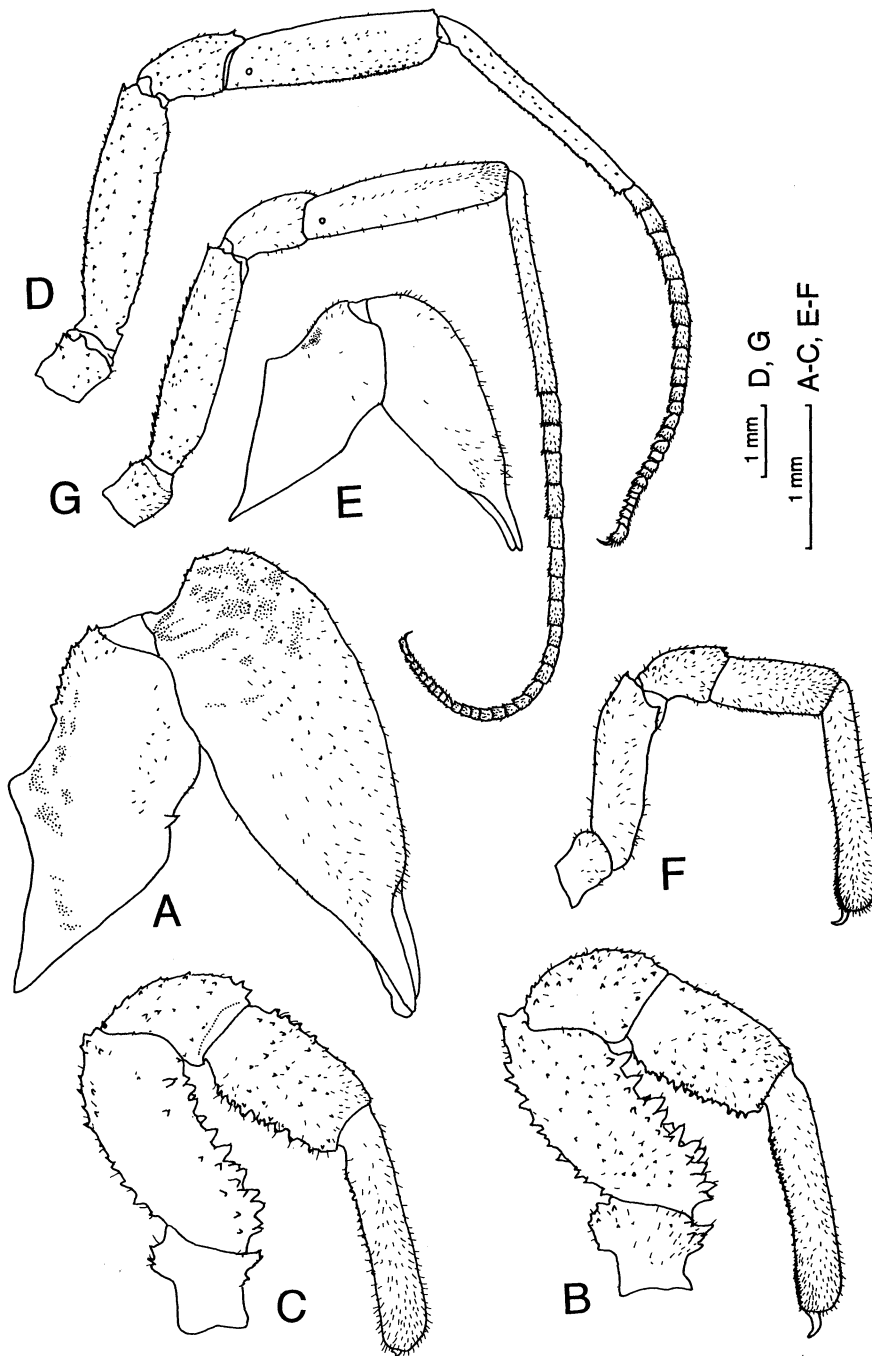


Fig. 7. *Homolophus gobiensis* n. sp. (A-D, male holotype; E-G, female paratype; both from South Gobi Aimak, Mongolia) — A, E, mesal view of left; B, F, mesal view of right palp; C, ectal view of right palp; D, G, ectal view of right first leg.

Tsogt-Tsetsy [43°38'N, 104°35'E], 1-IX-1986, A. N. Rasnitsyn leg. Paratypes: 2 females (ZMU), together with holotype.

Diagnosis. Conspicuously widened and flattened penis serve to separate this species from all the other congeners of *Homolophus*. Conspicuously short legs in this species (ratio of length of leg femur I to body length=ca. 0.4 in both sexes) may also characterize this species in the genus.

Description. *Male:* Large harvestman, of the form as shown in Fig. 6A. Supra-cheliceral lamellae very low, not visible from above. Preocular area of cephalothorax with a mound consisted of several black-tipped denticles. Ocular tubercle not canaliculate above, only with a few denticles. Thoracic tergites I, II, and abdominal tergites I-VII, each with a transverse row of black-tipped denticles encompassed by creamy white rings. Coxae I-IV unarmed, smooth, with scattered hairs only. Genital operculum also with sparse hairs only.

Chelicera (Fig. 7A) short and robust; basal joint distodorsally with several denticles; distal joint also with several sparse denticles.

Palp (Fig. 7B-C) rather short and thick; trochanter distodorsally and distoventrally with some tubercles; femur ventrally with several well-developed tubercles and dorsally and laterally covered with numerous tubercles; patella distally thickened, dorsally and laterally with numerous tubercles; tibia swollen, proximally widened, with many tubercles and black bristles on all sides, especially dense ventrally; tarsus hairly, ventrally with dense rows of dark-colored denticles, which extend from proximal one-fifth to a half, claw smooth.

Legs relatively short; femora to tibiae thickened, especially so in legs I and III. Each segment cylindrical or slightly pentagonal or hexagonal in cross section. Femora, patellae, and tibiae with many denticles, especially dense on distoventral surfaces of tibiae of first legs (Fig. 7D). Tibia laterally with a spiracle near its basal joint.

Penis (Fig. 8A-B). Shaft 3.0 mm long, dorso-ventrally flattened, widest at middle portion (0.69 mm wide). Glans, 0.40 mm long, 0.21 mm wide at widest portion; ventrally convex and forming a blunt ridge. Stylus 0.10 mm long.

Coloration: Body ground color yellowish brown; with many dark brown specks and splotches. Eye tubercle above light yellowish brown, with dark-colored eye rings. Chelicera dark brown; both lateral sides of distal joint with conspicuous black brown tabby blotches (Fig. 7A). Legs dark to blackish brown; metatarsi and tarsi slightly lighter.

Female: Form and coloration as in male (Fig. 6D-E), except chelicera and legs I, III less developed (Fig. 7E-G). Chelicera (Fig. 7E) lacks dorsal denticles on basal joint. Armament of palp very weak, only with some denticles on femur and patella (Fig. 7F). Ovipositor (Fig. 8C) second furcal joint with a slit sensillum per side. Each segment strongly stained with dark brown pigments. Seminal receptacles, as in Fig. 8D, located within 1st to 3rd ovipositor rings, with two elongated atria.

Measurements (in mm: holotype male; 2 female paratypes in parentheses). Total length of body 8.86 (8.93-8.90). Cephalothorax 2.8 (2.5-3.1) long, 4.5 (5.1) wide; Abdomen 5.3 (5.6) wide; distal segment of chelicera 3.53 (2.04-2.80). Length of palpi and legs as in Table 2.

Distribution. So far known from the type locality alone.

Etymology. The specific epithet refers to the locality name.

Remarks. The present species is easily distinguished by its extremely widened shaft of penis from any other congeners. However, none of these *Homolophus* species has been found sympatrically with other congeneric species, though their distributional

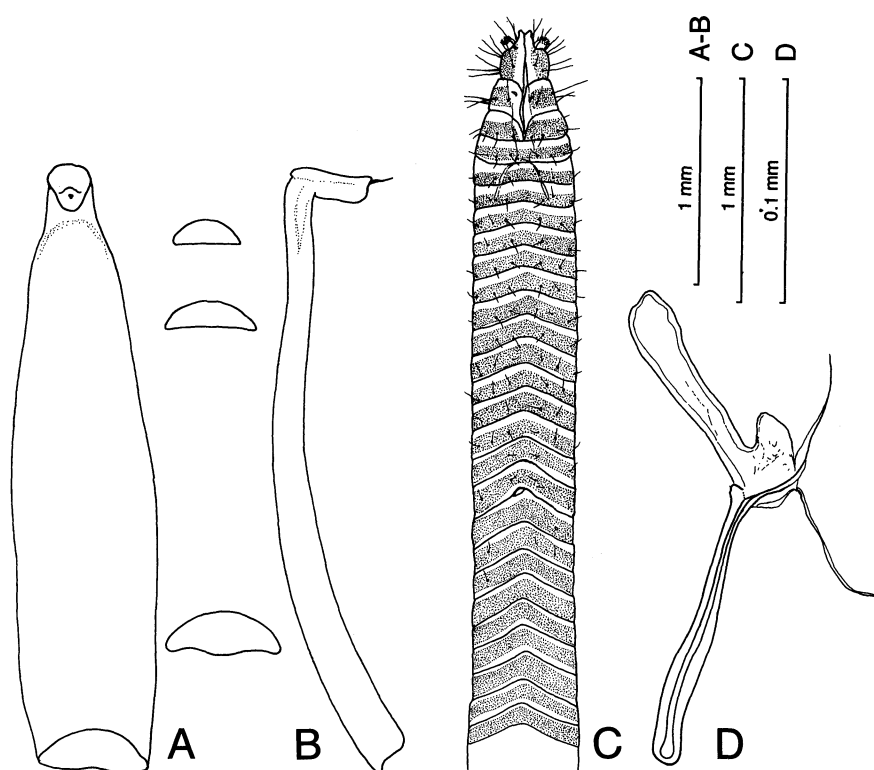


Fig. 8. *Homolophus gobiensis* n. sp. (A-B, male holotype; C-D, female paratype; both from South Gobi Aimak, Mongolia) — A-B, dorsal (A) and lateral (B) views of penis with three cross sections of the shaft; C, ventral view of ovipositor; D, left seminal receptacle.

Table 2. Length (in mm) of palp and legs of male holotype and a female paratype in parentheses of *Homolophus gobiensis* n. sp.

| | Fe | Pa | Ti | Mt | Ta ¹⁾ | Total |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Palp | 1.45 (1.18) | 1.02 (0.61) | 1.11 (0.80) | — | 1.71 (1.66) | 5.28 (4.24) |
| Leg I | 3.49 (3.24) | 1.60 (1.45) | 2.74 (2.80) | 3.62 (3.18) | 5.61 (6.72) | 17.1 (17.4) |
| Leg II | 6.20 (6.12) | 2.00 (1.89) | 4.89 (5.13) | 4.40 (4.30) | 10.40 (13.93) | 27.9 (31.4) |
| Leg III | 3.61 (3.30) | 1.86 (1.60) | 2.90 (2.71) | 4.20 (3.99) | 6.30 (6.99) | 18.9 (18.6) |
| Leg IV | 5.03 (5.30) | 1.81 (1.83) | 4.01 (3.96) | 6.00 (5.42) | ? (11.89) | ? (28.4) |

¹⁾ Length of tarsus of the fourth leg of the holotype cannot be measured due to loss of the tip.

ranges appear to overlap to some extent at least between some species (e.g. between *H. arcticus* and *H. gobiensis*). Further detailed information on their distribution is needed to clarify their taxonomic and evolutionary relationships.

Homolophus pallens (Kulczynski 1901) **new combination**

Phalangium pallens Kulczynski 1901, p. 361. (Type locality: Tuguruk, Mongolia [now Mongolia, Gobi-Altai Aimak, Tugreg [=Tuguruk], ca. 45°50'N, 94°59'E])

Euphalangium transbaicalicum: Starega 1964, p. 1964 (in part), fig. 18–19.

Opilio pallens: Roewer 1911, p. 41, fig. 8 in plate 3; Roewer 1912, p. 136, fig. 23 in plate 3; Roewer 1923, p. 776, fig. 949.; Roewer 1956, p. 293 (China SMF # 4750, examined)

Homolophus przewalskii (nec Starega, 1978): Tchemeris et al., 1998, figs. 8–14.

Remarks. Due to our recent lapse, the records and description of this species were inadvertently presented under the name of *H. przewalskii* in our first paper (Tchemeris et al. 1998). It is amended here as *Homolophus pallens* (Kulczynski). This species was first described as *Phalangium pallens* by Kulczynski (1901) and later transferred to *Opilio* by Roewer (1911). Starega (1964) treated it as a junior synonym of *Euphalangium transbaicalicum* (or *Egaenus bidens* in Starega 1978) and it was followed by Silhavy (1972). However, one of us (N.T.) ascertained a male specimen labeled “*Opilio pallens* (Kulczynski) # 4750, S. Mongoliet, Roewer det 1933” in the Senckenberg Museum, Frankfurt, to possess typical features of *Homolophus* and to be not conspecific with *Bidentolophus bidens* (= *Euphalangium transbaicalicum*) by having the smooth coxae and genital operculum. The penis as well as the other external features of the material presented in our former paper (Tchemeris et al. 1998) corresponds well with that of the “*Opilio pallens* (Kulczynski) # 4750” specimen, hence it is highly probable that they are conspecific. We are not sure that the specimen # 4750 is truly conspecific with the original specimen of “*Phalangium pallens*”, on which Kulczynski’s description was based, since we have not checked the latter specimens. However, we provisionally treat it as “*Homolophus pallens*”.

This species is distributed in the area extending from middle part of Mongolia to Tuva, southern Siberia.

In both distributional ranges and shape of penis, this species appears to show a condition intermediate between *Homolophus nordenskiöldi* and *H. arcticus* which mainly inhabit in eastern part of Siberia.

Opilio potanini (Simon 1895) **new combination**

Phalangium Potanini (sic) Simon 1895, p. 344 (Type: Tschorny-Irtysch, Ust-Kamenogorsk [Kazakhstan, East-Kazakhstan Area, Zaisan District ?, bank of Cherny Irtysch River, ca. 47°57'N, 85°04'E])

Opilio almasyi Roewer 1911, p. 44 (Type: Tekkes and Ala-Buga, Kazakhstan [Kazakhstan, Almaty Area, Raiymbek Distr., Tekes (ca. 42°50'N, 80°03'E) and Kyrgyzstan, Naryn Area, Ak-Talinsky Distr., Alabuga River (ca. 41°14'N, 74°30'E)]; Roewer 1912, p. 132; Roewer 1923, p. 774, fig. 947; Redikorzev 1936, p. 33; Roewer 1956, p. 280; Silhavy 1967, p. 475, fig. 14; Gricenko 1979, p. 35, fig. 28)

Euphalangium potanini: Starega 1978;

Opilio asiaticus Gricenko 1979, p. 37, fig. 29. **New synonymy**

Opilio asiaticus: Tchemeris et al, 1998, p. figs. 32–42.

Homolophus potanini: Cokendolpher 1987, p. 92.

Specimens examined. KAZAKHSTAN: Almaty Area: 7 males, 4 female (ISE), near Almaty, Medeo [ca. 43°17'N, 79°57'E], 3–28–VII–1997 (A. V. Gromov). – E-Kazakhstan Area: 1 male (ISE), Serebryansk, 9–10–VII–1996 (V. K. Zinchenko). – RUSSIA: Altai Territory: 1 male, 1 female (ISE), Ongudai Distr., Chike-Taman Pass [50°38'N, 86°19'E], 23–VII–1998 (I. I. Volonikhina). For other material examined see Tchemeris et al. (1998).

Remarks. Redescription of the species was earlier presented under the name of “*Opilio asiaticus* Gricenko” in Tchemeris et al. (1998). Diagnostic character of *Opilio asiaticus* from *O. almasyi* Roewer alleged by Gricenko (1979) cannot be considered sufficient for the separation. On the other hand, *Opilio almasyi* redescribed by Silhavy

(1967) was considered a junior synonym of *Euphalangium* (now *Homolophus*) *potanini* (Simon), which was originally described under *Phalangium*, by Starega (1978). We provisionally follow the Starega's treatment that "*Opilio almasyi*" and *E. potanini* are conspecific. However, this species should not be treated under *Homolophus* because of possessing very long legs (first femur at least longer than body; often more than 1.5 times of body length), legs are covered with numerous sharp-pointed spines, and first pair of legs not swollen. We tentatively treat it under *Opilio*, though its validity have to be tested by further detailed examination.

Bidentolophus bidens (Simon 1880)

Acantholophus bidens Simon 1880, p. 126.

Bidentolophus bidens: Roewer 1912, p. 82; 1923, p. 744, fig. 923; Tsurusaki & Song 1998, p. 526, fig. 47 in p. 162.

Euphalangium transbaicalicum (in part): Starega 1964; Silhavy 1972, p. 102 (figs. 1-8)

Egaenus bidens: Starega 1978, p. 221

Other references not required here.

Remarks: This species had long been known under the name of "*Euphalangium transbaicalicum*" (Starega 1964, Silhavy 1972), though Starega (1978) finally treated it as "*Egaenus bidens* (Simon)". It was Roewer (1911, 1912, 1923, 1956) who first transferred the *Phalangium nordenskiöldi* var. *transbaicalica* to *Euphalangium*. However, an inspection by N.T. of the Roewer's material (RI/7/689) described as 1 male and 1 female from Selenga [River], Buryatia, Siberia (Roewer 1911, 1912, 1923, 1956) preserved in the Senckenberg Museum revealed that actually they are not "*Bidentrophus bidens*" but "two males of *Homolophus nordenskiöldi*".

This species has coxae and trochanters with numerous sharp-pointed tubercles. Moreover, the preocular mound on the cephalothorax bears many tubercles protruded anteriorly (cf. Tsurusaki & Song 1998, p. 162, fig. 3). These and other characters of the species are quite different from those of *Egaenus convexus* (C. L. Koch 1835), type species of the genus *Egaenus* (cf. Martens 1978). A detailed redescription of the genus and species will be published elsewhere.

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日本産アシダカグモ科, I. ミナミアシダカグモ属(新称), アシダカグモ属, コアシダカグモ属(新称)の4新種の記載および既知種についての知見(クモ目: アシダカグモ科: ツユグモ亜科およびアシダカグモ亜科) (pp. 41-60)

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日本産アシダカグモ科の *Olios* [ミナミアシダカグモ属(新称)] の1新種, *Heteropoda* [アシダカグモ属] の1新種ならびに *Sinopoda* [コアシダカグモ属(新称)] の2新種の計4新種を以下のように命名して記載した: *Olios japonicus* sp. nov. [ニホンミナミアシダカグモ(新称)], *Heteropoda simplex* sp. nov. [ホソミアシダカグモ(新称, 細身の意)] *Sinopoda okinawana* sp. nov. [リュウキュウコアシダカグモ(新称)], *Sinopoda tanikawai* sp. nov. [アマミコアシダカグモ(新称)]. ミナミアシダカグモ属は日本から新たに記録された。そのほか、本科のいくつかの既知種について若干の分類学的知見と採集記録を付記し、日本産の亜科および属の特徴について解説を加えた。

大陸アジア南部からのアシダカグモ亜科(アシダカグモ科)の2新属(pp. 61-71)

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大陸アジア南部からのアシダカグモ亜科(アシダカグモ科)の2新属 *Pseudopoda* と *Bhutaniella* を記載した。それぞれ *Pseudopoda prompta* (O. P.-Cambridge 1885) と *Bhutaniella*

hillyardi を模式種として指定し、記載した。*Heteropoda* 属として記載されていた次の種は *Pseudopoda* に転属させた: *P. casaria* (Simon 1897), *P. exigua* (Fox 1938), *P. exiguioides* (Song & Zhu 1999), *P. grahami* (Fox 1936), *P. lushanensis* (Wang 1990), *P. virgata* (Fox 1936), *P. zhangmuensis* (Hu & Li 1983), *P. zhejiangensis* (Zhang & Kim 1996)。また, *Heteropoda sikkimensis* Gravely 1931 を *Bhutaniella* に移した。両属とも分布は標高 1000 m 以上の高所に限られているようである。(和訳: 編集委員会)

シベリアとモンゴルからのザトウムシの2新種(1新属)とウデプトザトウムシ属の再定義(マザトウムシ科) (pp. 73-86)

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シベリアからマザトウムシ科の *Acanthomegabunus sibiricus* を新属新種として、また、モンゴル南ゴビ地方からウデプトザトウムシ属の1種 *Homolophus gobiensis* を新種として記載した。ウデプトザトウムシ属については再定義を与え、*Phalangium pallens* Kulczynski を本属に、また *Homolophus potanini* を *Opilio* 属に移した。*Opilio asiaticus* Gricenko は *Opilio potanini* (Simon) の後行異名とした。

シベリア南部からのウデザトウムシ *Scleropilio insolens* の再記載とウデザトウムシ属の改訂 (pp. 87-94)

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